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For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE DEGRADATION OF
NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES COMPRISING CONTAINERS MADE OF
OR COATED WITH MATERIALS INHIBITING THE ACTIVATION
OF SUBSTANCES DEGRADING THEM

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 5, 2003, the due date for Reply having been extended one (1) month to June 5, 2003 by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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